

MINUTES
SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Rich Bahle, Supervisor, called the Suttons Bay Township Regular Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at the Suttons Bay/Bingham Fire and Rescue Authority meeting room at 201 N. St. Mary's Avenue in Suttons Bay, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rich Bahle, Sandy VanHuystee, Tom Nixon, Debbie Slocombe,
Dorothy Petroskey

Absent: None

Staff Present: Steve Patmore, Marge Johnson (via Zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dorothy Petroskey/moved, Rich Bahle/supported, to approve the agenda as amended, adding under New Business, #2 - Recreation Committee Appointments - Resignation of Gary Hoenscheid, passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

REPORTS

- Treasurer - As presented.
- Planning & Zoning - As presented.
- Fire Authority - Election of officers, approved ballot language for August election, authorized Fire Chief to hire a consultant to work with the ISO ratings.
- Parks & Recreation - Bill Drozdalski submitted Parks Supervisor Updates - 2 pages. Rich Bahle said he would like the Rec Committee to be involved with the site plan process.
- Facilities - Tom Nixon - carpet to be installed in the office. Looking at comprehensive camera plan for security for township offices.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes -

February 9, 2022 -

Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the February 9, 2022 Minutes with the correction of scribner errors, passed.

March 9, 2022- Regular Meeting

Tom Nixon/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the March 9, 2022 Minutes, passed.

March 24, 2022 - Special Meeting

Tom Nixon/moved Rich Bahle/supported, to approve the March 24, 2022 Minutes, passed.

March 9, 2022 - Annual Truth In Taxation & Budget Hearings

Tom Nixon/moved, Rich Bahle/supported, to approve the March 9, 2022 Annual Truth In Taxation & Budget Hearings, passed.

2. Payment of the Bills

Sandy VanHuystee submitted bills for payment. Bills added - Accident Fund-Workers Comp, Gosling Czubak, Figura Law, Hansen Plaza, Jill Williamson and postage - Total bills - \$27,333.27.

Sandy VanHuystee/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,333.27, passed.

3. Recreation Committee: Rules of Procedure

Dorothy Petroskey said the Rules of Procedure are essentially as discussed. Parks & Rec will review them next Wednesday.

Debbie Slocombe/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the Recreation Committee: Rules of Procedure as amended, passed.

4. Township Clean Up Day: May 21, 2022/Monitoring

Rich Bahle said Township Clean Up Day is Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9 am to 12 noon at the County Road Commission property. Debbie and Jeff Slocombe agreed to volunteer at cleanup day.

5. County Road Commission Engineer Introduction
Rich Bahle said the County Road Commission Engineer is not present at this meeting for introduction.
6. Accept Supervisor Resignation
Rich Bahle/moved, Tom Nixon/supported to accept Rich Bahle's resignation as Suttons Bay Township Supervisor, letter of February 9, 2022, passed. Rich Bahle said it has been a pleasure with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Position-Candidate Search
A notice was posted that Suttons Bay Township is looking to appoint the Township Supervisor thru November 20, 2024 at 12 pm. Duties of the Supervisor were listed. Asking for response by April 25, 2022.

Sandy VanHuystee said one candidate has applied. Tom Nixon said one candidate withdrew its name because discouraged with the salary. Rich Bahle requested that the salary study which was previously prepared be reviewed.
2. Recreation Committee Appointments:
Rich Bahle/moved, Debbie Slocombe/supported, to appoint Dennis Rathnaw for 3 years from 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2024, passed.

Debbie Slocombe/moved, Tom Nixon/supported, to appoint Hadley Dickenson for 3 years from 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2024, passed.

Resignation - Gary Hoensheid.
Gary Hoensheid submitted his letter of resignation from the Parks & Rec Committee effective the end of June, 2022.

Rich Bahle/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to accept the resignation of Gary Hoenscheid from the Suttons Bay Township Parks & Rec Committee, effective June 20, 2022, passed.
Debbie Slocombe said Gary Hoenscheid is recognized for his work on the Parks and Rec Committee.

3. Peck Road/Leelanau Watersports/pending litigation
Rich Bahle said there is pending litigation with the Peck Road/Leelanau Watersports. Rich Bahle said he authorized the township attorney to have a conversation with the plaintiff's attorney.
4. Possible Review of Board of Review Decisions
Memo submitted from Christy Brow, Township Assessor regarding possible review of Board of Review Decisions - Glenn M. & Patricia Barnes property.

Rich Bahle said the decisions of the Board of Review need to be reviewed by the appropriate State agencies. Appeal goes to Michigan Tax Tribunal and an appropriate document is filed with the State Tax Commission.

Kit Wilson appeared on behalf of Christy Brow. There will be filing fees to fund the appeals, approximately \$120.00 per parcel. The Appeal goes to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and classification goes the State Tax Commission which typically does not include any fees. The filings are due by June 30, 2022, and the property owners would be notified of how the appeal reads of the petitioner's merits and arguments, and they would have a chance to respond, and then a hearing would be scheduled. Both parties will be notified of the hearing date. Kit Wilson said she will meet with Glenn and Patricia Barnes.

Rich Bahle/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to authorize the assessor to file an appeal by the township as the Petitioner with the Michigan Tax Tribunal regarding the Glenn M. & Patricia Barnes properties, and file an appropriate document with the State Tax Commission, passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Bill Drozdalski - Craig Brown is the Road Commission Engineer.

Lois Bahle - Congratulations to Rich Bahle, a valued leader.

Patricia Barnes - We are the property owners of record with regard to the Board of Review Decisions. The assessor has chosen to disagree with the opinion of the Appeals Board and to bring it to the township board. Hope the appeals board had the power to do what they did. Asking that they be treated fairly and equitably.

Tom Nixon - Thank you Rich Bahle for your years of service. Wish you the very best in your retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Rich Bahle adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary
Sandy VanHuystee, Clerk

Minutes Approved as-presented on May 11, 2022